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## **OPA Daily Digest for 7/11/12**

### **Congressional Inquiries:**

**Sen. Claire McCaskill** (Mo.) – Phone inquiry – 7/6/12 – Requests a status update on the West Lake Landfill superfund site. Due: 7/10/12. Contact: LaTonya Sanders, 7555 (open)

**Rep. Todd Akin** (Mo.) – Letter – 6/22/12: Questions about the Strecker Farms proposed development. Due: 7/9/12. Contact: LaTonya Sanders, 7555 (open)

**Rep Lee Terry** (Ne) – Letter – 7/11/12: Constituent questions on the small business contract for the Omaha Lead Site. Contact: Sarah Hatch, 7199 (closed)

### **State Government Inquiries:**

None

### **Press Inquiries:**

**KBIA Public Radio, Columbia, Mo.** – Jacob Fenston – 6/12/12: Questions about EPA's enforcement history involving Doe Run Resources Corporation and the shutdown of the company's smelter in Herculeaneum, Mo. Contact: Chris Whitley, 7394 (open)

**IDNR Iowa Outdoors Magazine, Des Moines, Ia.** – Mindy Kralicek – 6/22/12: Questions about the EPA Environmental Workforce Development and Job Training application process. Contact: Belinda Young, 7463 (open)

**St. Louis Post Dispatch** – Jeremy Kohler – 6/26/12: Requesting information on the Carondelet Coke Site in Missouri. Contact: Ben Washburn, 7364 (open)

**KMZU Radio, Carrollton, Mo.** – Christie Cross – 7/10/12: Questions about remedy for the Lexington Former Manufacturing Gas Plant #2 Superfund Site, Lexington, Mo. Contact: Chris Whitley, 7394 (closed)

**Omaha World-Herald** – Cindy Gonzales – 7/10/12: Questions about University of Nebraska's urban waters grant. Contact: Kris Lancaster, 7557 (closed)

**Omaha World-Herald** – Erin Golden – 7/10/12: Discussed CSO story published on the paper's website and explained that the consent decree discussed in the story was between state of Nebraska and the city. Reporter will work on correcting the website and story expected to print in 7/11/12 edition. Contact: David Bryan, 7433 (closed)

**St. Louis Business Journal** – Greta Weideman - 7/10/12: Questions regarding Kellwood consent decree. Contact: Ben Washburn, 7364 (closed)

**Lincoln Journal Star** – Art Hovey – 7/10/12: Questions regarding enforcement action against Adams Land & Cattle Company. Contact: Ben Washburn, 7364 (closed)

**Brownfield Ag News** – Ken Anderson – 7/10/12: Questions regarding enforcement action against Adams Land & Cattle Company. Contact: Ben Washburn, 7364 (closed)

**Omaha World Herald** – Martha Stoddard – 7/10/12: Questions regarding enforcement action against Adams Land & Cattle Company. Contact: Ben Washburn, 7364 (closed)

**St Louis Business Journal** – Greta Weideman – 7/11/12: Questions about an EPA grant to St. Louis Community College. Contact: Kris Lancaster, 7557 (closed)

**Salina Journal** – Gary Demuth – 7/11/12: Questions about a Kansas State University urban waters grant and arranged an interview for Josh Svaty on Friday, July 13 in Salina, Kan. Contact: Kris Lancaster, 7557 (closed)

**KHAS-Radio** – Chris Wagner – 7/11/12: Questions regarding enforcement action against Adams Land & Cattle Company. Contact: Ben Washburn, 7364 (closed)

**The Gazette, Cedar Rapids, Iowa** – Orlan Love – 7/11/12: Questions regarding regulating air pollutants from feed lots under the Clean Air Act. Referred to HQ press office. Contact: David Bryan, 7433 (closed)

## **Environmental Stories:**

**Kearney Hub - Beef feedlot near B. Bow agrees to pay penalty to EPA** - 7/10/12 - A beef feedlot near Broken Bow has agreed to pay a \$145,000 penalty to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for violating the Clean Water Act. In addition the violating the Clean Water Act, Adams Land and Cattle Company violated its National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit related to discharges of pollutants into Mud Creek.

[http://www.kearneyhub.com/news/local/beef-feedlot-near-b-bow-agrees-to-pay-penalty-to/article\\_09fef0a2-cacf-11e1-b468-001a4bcf887a.html](http://www.kearneyhub.com/news/local/beef-feedlot-near-b-bow-agrees-to-pay-penalty-to/article_09fef0a2-cacf-11e1-b468-001a4bcf887a.html)

Also BEEF Magazine, Lexington Clipper-Herald (Neb.)

**Brownfield Ag News - Nebraska feedlot agrees to EPA civil penalty** - 7/10/12 - A cattle feedlot near Broken Bow, Nebraska has agreed to pay a \$145,000 civil penalty to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for illegal discharges into nearby Mud Creek.

<http://brownfieldagnews.com/2012/07/10/nebraska-feedlot-agrees-to-epa-civil-penalty/>

**Midwest Producer - EPA: CAFO flyovers are nothing new** - 7/10/12 - An overflight program that began 2 1/2 years ago in EPA's Region 7 targeting livestock operations along impaired waterways has proved controversial. In an effort to have a conversation about the Clean Water Act and what's going on, representatives from EPA, including EPA Region 7 Administrator Karl Brooks, conducted an outreach meeting July 1 in Lexington.

[http://www.midwestproducer.com/news/livestock/epa-cafo-flyovers-are-nothing-new/article\\_7b766654-ca-d7-11e1-bdac-0019bb2963f4.html](http://www.midwestproducer.com/news/livestock/epa-cafo-flyovers-are-nothing-new/article_7b766654-ca-d7-11e1-bdac-0019bb2963f4.html)

**Lincoln Journal Star (Neb.) - EPA fines beef feedlot near Broken Bow \$145,000** - 7/10/12 - Adams Land and Cattle Co., a beef feedlot south of Broken Bow, has agreed to pay a \$145,000 fine for illegal discharges into Mud Creek, the U.S. EPA announced.

<http://journalstar.com/news/state-and-regional/dcb6695e-c5cf-5806-93ae-c915e8e476aa.html>

Also The Beef Blog

**KRVN Rural Radio (Lexington, Neb.) - Broken Bow feeder penalized** - 7/11/12 - One of the largest feeding operations in the state of Nebraska has been fined \$145,000 by EPA for violating the federal Clean Water Act. ALCC President Barry Fox says "This is the first time that our company has ever been penalized by the EPA and we worked with them in good faith to reach a settlement. Our company has been and continues to be committed to the protection of the state's water resources."

<http://krvn.com/index.php?more=nm4s7jss#>

**KNOP Ch. 2 North Platte, Neb. - Feedlot Fined (video)** - A Broken Bow feedlot was fined for dumping pollutants into Mud Creek. Adams Land and Cattle Company agreed to pay \$145,000 to the Environmental Protection Agency.

[http://www.knopnews2.com/index.php?option=com\\_k2&view=item&id=5258:feedlot-fined&Itemid=105](http://www.knopnews2.com/index.php?option=com_k2&view=item&id=5258:feedlot-fined&Itemid=105)

**Associated Press - Nebraska feedlot to pay fine** - 7/10/12 - A feedlot near Broken Bow has agreed to pay a \$145,000 fine for allowing water tainted with cattle manure to flow into a nearby creek.

<http://www.omaha.com/article/20120711/MONEY/120719955/1697>

Also Omaha World-Herald, Sioux City Journal, The Independent (Grand Island, Neb.), Venture County Star (Calif), NTV (Kearney, Neb.), KLKN Ch. 8 (Lincoln, Neb.), San Francisco Chronicle, AgriFood Planet (blog), North Platte Post, The Examiner (Washington D.C.), WSLS Ch. 2 (Roanoke, Va.), FindLaw, Nebraska Social Blog, KGWN Ch. 5 (Cheyenne, Wyo.), WHLT Ch. 22 (Hattiesburg, Miss.), WCBD Ch. 2 (Charleston, S.C.)

**Nebraska Watchdog - Exclusive: Bruning's Campaign Cash Questions Resurface** - 7/11/12 - Two months ago Nebraska Watchdog uncovered questionable political ties between Bruning and the Adams Land and Cattle Company—one of the largest cattle feeders in the country. This week the EPA announced that Adams has agreed to pay a \$145,000 fine for repeatedly spewing livestock waste—140 million gallons—into an arm of Mud Creek near Broken Bow.

<http://nebraska.watchdog.org/23688/exclusive-brunings-campaign-cash-questions-resurface/>

**St. Louis Post-Dispatch - Kellwood agrees to solvent cleanup in New Haven, Mo.** - 7/10/12 -

Kellwood Co. agreed today to clean up soil and groundwater contaminated with an industrial degreaser at its former metal fabrication plant in New Haven, Mo.

[http://www.stltoday.com/business/local/kellwood-agrees-to-solvent-cleanup-in-new-haven-mo/article\\_85a062b2-cada-11e1-93bd-001a4bcf6878.html](http://www.stltoday.com/business/local/kellwood-agrees-to-solvent-cleanup-in-new-haven-mo/article_85a062b2-cada-11e1-93bd-001a4bcf6878.html)

**KMOX Radio, St. Louis - Kellwood to Clean-Up Toxic Contamination** - 7/11/12 - The Kellwood Company has entered into a settlement with EPA and the State of Missouri, to clean up contamination associated with its former metal fabrication plant in New Haven, Mo.

<http://stlouis.cbslocal.com/2012/07/11/kellwood-to-clean-up-toxic-contamination/>

**St. Louis Business Journal - Kellwood settles with EPA to clean up former mill site in New Haven** - 7/10/12 - Kellwood Co. entered into a settlement with the Environmental Protection Agency and the state of Missouri July 6 to clean up contamination associated with its former tent tube mill in New Haven, Mo.

<http://www.bizjournals.com/stlouis/news/2012/07/10/kellwood-settles-with-epa-to-clean-up.html>

**The Missourian (Columbia, Mo.) - State, Feds Reach Settlement With Kellwood Co. Over New Haven Factory Spill** - 7/11/12 - The company which owns a now-shuttered camping gear manufacturer in New Haven was sued last week by the Missouri Department of Natural Resources and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

[http://www.emissourian.com/news/top\\_stories/article\\_48e398aa-6c91-5238-867f-f575581f2ec0.html](http://www.emissourian.com/news/top_stories/article_48e398aa-6c91-5238-867f-f575581f2ec0.html)

**Associated Press/KRCG Ch. 13 Jefferson City - KANSAS CITY, Kan.- Kellwood company clean-up** - 7/11/12 - A Missouri company has agreed to settlement terms over cleaning up pollution at its former metal fabrication plant in eastern Missouri.

<http://www.connectmidmissouri.com/news/story.aspx?id=774925>

Also Newsroom America

**St. Louis Business Journal - EPA grants \$181,638 to St. Louis Community College for drinking water job training** - 7/11/12 - The Environmental Protection Agency has awarded \$181,638 to St. Louis Community College for drinking water job training.

<http://www.bizjournals.com/stlouis/news/2012/07/11/epa-grants-181638-to-st-louis.html>

**St. Louis Beacon - GOP 'war' on EPA focuses on cost of regulations** - 7/11/12 - In recent years, that one-time GOP war against pollution has gradually morphed into what critics describe as a Republican war against the EPA itself. [https://www.stlbeacon.org#!/content/25950/congressional\\_war\\_on\\_epa](https://www.stlbeacon.org#!/content/25950/congressional_war_on_epa)

**Associated Press - Some corn farmers mow fields as drought worsens** - 7/11/12 - Some cornstalks in fields around the farm where David Kellerman works stand tall, but appearances can be deceiving. When the husks are pulled back, the cobs are empty. No kernels developed as the plants struggled with heat and drought. <http://www.kansascity.com/2012/07/11/3700509/drought-cuts-projected-corn-harvest.html>

**Missourinet - Nixon seeks disaster aid for every county (audio - 10:19)** - 7/11/12 - Governor Nixon wants all of Missouri—every county—declared a disaster area. The governor tells agriculture secretary Tom Vilsack farmers in every county have lost at least 30 percent of their crop yields. <http://www.missourinet.com/2012/07/11/nixon-seeks-disaster-aid-for-every-county-audio/>

**Enviroblog - Hill politics churns small streams** - 7/11/12 - Are smaller, upstream water bodies such as intermittent streams covered by the federal Clean Water Act? This is not an insignificant question: EPA has determined that 117 million Americans depend to some extent on these sources for their drinking water. <http://www.enviroblog.org/2012/07/by-tj-pepping-ewg-safe-1.html>

**St. Louis Post-Dispatch - Ameren efficiency plan could be a first for Missouri** - 7/11/12 - If state regulators approve an agreement between Ameren Missouri utility and various consumer advocates and environmental groups, the utility will soon have a new profit motive — helping those same customers save energy. [http://www.stltoday.com/business/local/ameren-efficiency-plan-could-be-a-first-for-missouri/article\\_4f0cc326-cada-11e1-8a81-0019bb30f31a.html](http://www.stltoday.com/business/local/ameren-efficiency-plan-could-be-a-first-for-missouri/article_4f0cc326-cada-11e1-8a81-0019bb30f31a.html)

**KWCH Ch. 12, Wichita - Wichita pro-fluoride campaign begins** - 7/10/12 - Another attempt to fluoridate Wichita's water will get a big push this week. Eyewitness News has learned more than 500 area medical professionals have signed on to support a group called "Wichitans for Healthy Teeth." <http://www.kwch.com/news/kwch-mds-fluoridation,0,5511943.story>

**Domestic Fuel - First Gallons of Street Legal E15 Sold in Kansas** - 7/11/12 - Kansas barely makes the top ten in ethanol production by state, but it now ranks number one in selling the first gallons of legal 15% ethanol-blended gasoline (E15) under the Environmental Protection Agency waiver. <http://domesticfuel.com/2012/07/11/first-gallons-of-street-legal-e15-sold-in-kansas-2/>

**Greenwire - Compromise route around Neb. Sand Hills still crosses sandy hills** - 7/10/12 - The slice of their pasture now set to host the Keystone XL oil pipeline, which TransCanada Corp. agreed to steer around what Nebraska officials mark as the delicate dunes of the state's prized Sand Hills, feels no different to the Meusches than the ground the company was pressured into sidestepping. <http://www.eenews.net/public/Greenwire/2012/07/10/1>

**Kansas City Star - Gov. Nixon signs bills to lower fees on radioactive shipments** - 7/10/12 - Gov. Jay Nixon signed three bills Tuesday that make it cheaper to ship radioactive material through Missouri. The radioactive material at the heart of the debate -- cobalt-60 -- is sold by Nordion for use in the sterilization of medical devices. <http://midwestdemocracy.com/articles/gov-nixon-signs-bills-lower-fees-radioactive-shipments/>

**Omaha World-Herald - Firms say big sewer bill may force layoffs, relocation** - 7/11/12 - At a present conference July 10, members of the SaveOmahaJobs.org coalition said paying a combined 5 percent share for sewer upgrades would likely force some of them to lay off workers or leave the city altogether. <http://www.omaha.com/article/20120710/NEWS/120719983/1707>

**The American - And the Regulatory State Drones On** - 7/11/12 - It's not unannounced flights we should be worried about or pilots in leather jackets, nor drone operators operating in secret Air Force

bases that are the problem. No, it's the lawyers, the regulators, and the true believers in Washington, working in broad daylight, who should keep us up at night.

<http://www.american.com/archive/2012/july/and-the-regulatory-state-drones-on>

**Farm Futures - Column: Ventilation Fans: Sources of Water Pollution?** - 7/10/12 - If EPA gets by with this enormous expansion of its legal power and can control airborne deposition of air pollutants from CAFO's, there is no end to the mischief and destruction EPA can and will bring to CAFOs and their owners in the United States.

<http://farmfutures.com/blogs.aspx?fcb=23&fcbp=3410&fcbpc=0&s=6/10/2012&e=8/10/2012>

**Power Engineering - Climate-friendly coal faces a conundrum** - 7/11/12 - The federal government has funneled billions of dollars over the past two administrations into cutting carbon pollution from coal-fired power plants, but so far the "clean coal" dream is far from reality.

<http://www.power-eng.com/news/2012/07/11/clean-coal-tech-ready-with-a-catch.html>

**The Hill - EPA official predicts new rule to be approved by court** - 7/10/12 - A new rule aimed at limiting air pollutants from power plants in one state that affect a state downwind will likely be upheld Friday, a senior EPA official predicted Tuesday. The Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit, which has had the rule since December, is to rule on Friday.

<http://thehill.com/blogs/e2-wire/e2-wire/237055-epa-official-predicts-new-rule-to-be-approved-by-court>

**Associated Press - NTSB approves report saying 2010 Mich. oil spill likely caused by company's neglect, inaction** - 7/10/12 - The Canadian operator of an oil pipeline that ruptured in southwestern Michigan two years ago, causing the most expensive onshore spill in U.S. history, failed to deal adequately with structural problems detected years ago and to respond appropriately to the catastrophe, the National Transportation Safety Board said Tuesday.

[http://www.washingtonpost.com/national/energy-environment/federal-regulators-reveal-likely-cause-of-pipeline-rupture-that-caused-2010-mich-oil-spill/2012/07/10/gJQA5XYwZW\\_story.html](http://www.washingtonpost.com/national/energy-environment/federal-regulators-reveal-likely-cause-of-pipeline-rupture-that-caused-2010-mich-oil-spill/2012/07/10/gJQA5XYwZW_story.html)

**Brownfield Ag News - All eyes on House farm bill** - 7/10/12 - As the House Ag Committee prepares for its farm bill markup session on Wednesday, a coalition of 77 groups is urging committee leaders to do everything they can to get the farm bill passed before it expires on Sept. 30.

<http://brownfieldagnews.com/2012/07/10/all-eyes-on-house-farm-bill/>

**E&E News PM - Diesel generators inspire mixed feelings from brass at EPA, FERC** - 7/10/12 - Top officials from U.S. EPA and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission today admitted struggling with a recent decision that spared backup generators from new air pollution standards so they can form a last line of defense against blackouts. <http://www.eenews.net/eenewspm/rss/2012/07/10/2>

**Greenwire - Dirty diesel generators test EPA, demand-response industry** - 7/10/12 -

Demand-response companies have gained a green reputation as they've grown into a major player on the electricity market, but critics warned U.S. EPA today there's a dirty secret in how they're relieving the strained power grid on the hottest summer days. <http://www.eenews.net/Greenwire/rss/2012/07/10/2>

**E&E News PM - Former EPA water administrator previews Supreme Court action on Clean Water Act cases** (audio) - 7/9/12 - How will the Supreme Court's hearing of two Clean Water Act cases this fall affect action coming out of U.S. EPA and Congress? During today's OnPoint, Ben Grumbles, president of the Clean Water America Alliance and a former assistant administrator for water at EPA, discusses the political and policy implications of the court's consideration of two Clean Water Act cases.

<http://www.eenews.net/eenewspm/rss/2012/07/09/4>

**E&E News PM - 25 senators offer bipartisan boost to Lautenberg reform bill** - 7/9/12 - Twenty-five senators from both parties today lent a measure of momentum to Sen. Frank Lautenberg's (D-N.J.) long-running push for reform of federal toxics law. <http://www.eenews.net/eenewspm/rss/2012/07/09/1>

**The Washington Times - DRIESSEN: American consumers pay dearly to go 'green'** - 7/11/12 - Mr. Obama and his allies need to stop masquerading as friends of American motorists, workers and families and change their energy policies so they become friends in reality. Don't bet on that happening.  
<http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2012/jul/10/american-consumers-pay-dearly-to-go-green/>

**Grist - Ethanol: Beloved by farmers, detested by Big Oil, endlessly debated by Congress** - 7/10/12 - The House Subcommittee on Energy and Power held a hearing July 10 that focused on "the challenges and opportunities facing alternative transportation fuels and vehicles."  
<http://grist.org/news/ethanol-beloved-by-farmers-detested-by-big-oil-endlessly-debated-by-congress/>

**ClimateWire - Heat wave threatens U.S. corn crop** - 7/10/12 - The record-breaking heat has begun to subside, but it will likely be another two months before its effects on U.S. corn production can be fully discerned. Early data suggest, though, that the damage could be serious and cause corn prices to spike significantly. <http://www.eenews.net/climatewire/2012/07/10/1>

**Yale Environment 360 - Analysis ~ Cooling a Warming Planet: A Global Air Conditioning Surge** - 7/10/12 - The U.S. has long used more energy for air conditioning than all other nations combined. But as demand increases in the world's warmer regions, global energy consumption for air conditioning is expected to continue to rise dramatically and could have a major impact on climate change.  
[http://e360.yale.edu/feature/cooling\\_a\\_warming\\_planet\\_a\\_global\\_air\\_conditioning\\_surge/2550/](http://e360.yale.edu/feature/cooling_a_warming_planet_a_global_air_conditioning_surge/2550/)

**Yale Environment 360 - Technique 'Sees Through' Clouds To Measure Atmospheric Pollution** - 7/11/12 - U.S. scientists say they have developed a technique to measure atmospheric levels of pollution, including soot, with satellite technology even when skies are cloud-covered.  
[http://e360.yale.edu/digest/technique\\_sees\\_through\\_clouds\\_to\\_measure\\_atmospheric\\_pollution/3544/](http://e360.yale.edu/digest/technique_sees_through_clouds_to_measure_atmospheric_pollution/3544/)

**E&E Daily - Lawmakers show little appetite for carbon tax -- at least for now** - 7/11/12 - The concept of a carbon tax had a rare moment in the sun yesterday when a former GOP congressman made it the centerpiece of his new effort to get Republicans on board with pushing a climate change policy that tracks with their conservative values. <http://www.eenews.net/EEDaily/2012/07/11/3>

**Politico - Clean coal tech is ready, but there's a catch** - 7/10/12 - Climate-friendly coal faces a conundrum. The federal government has funneled billions of dollars over the past two administrations into cutting carbon pollution from coal-fired power plants, but so far the "clean coal" dream is far from reality.  
<http://politi.co/O2khet>

**BNA - EPA Official Says Implementation Questions To Remain Even if Cross-State Rule Upheld** - 7/11/12 - EPA's top air official said July 10 that, even if a federal appeals court upholds the Cross-State Air Pollution Rule, questions will remain about how to implement the program that never went into effect on the planned start date. <http://www.bna.com/epa-official-says-n12884910581/>

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[http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split\\_display.adp?fedfid=27286317&vname=denotallissues&jd=a0d3m1r1e6&split=0](http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split_display.adp?fedfid=27286317&vname=denotallissues&jd=a0d3m1r1e6&split=0)

**BNA - Industry Report Questions EPA Approach In Study of Fracking and Drinking Water** - 7/11/12 - The Environmental Protection Agency should narrow the focus and increase the rigor of its study on the potential threats hydraulic fracturing may pose to drinking water, according to a critique done for two oil and gas industry associations.  
[http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split\\_display.adp?fedfid=27286330&vname=denotallissues&jd=a0d3m2c6z5&split=0](http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split_display.adp?fedfid=27286330&vname=denotallissues&jd=a0d3m2c6z5&split=0)

**BNA - House Legislation Would Phase Out DOE Energy Loan Guarantee Program** - 7/11/12 - The



Energy Department's clean energy loan guarantee program would be phased out under legislation unveiled July 10 by top Republicans on the House Energy and Commerce Committee.

[http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split\\_display.adp?fedfid=27286328&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0d3m2a7f3&split=0](http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split_display.adp?fedfid=27286328&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0d3m2a7f3&split=0)

**BNA - Witnesses Say Renewable Fuel Standard Should Include Non-Ethanol Sources - 7/11/12 -**

The renewable fuel standard should be amended to include natural gas, electricity, and other non-ethanol sources of fuel, lawmakers and witnesses said during a House hearing July 10.

[http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split\\_display.adp?fedfid=27286320&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0d3m1t6u6&split=0](http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split_display.adp?fedfid=27286320&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0d3m1t6u6&split=0)

**BNA - Two Research Projects Urge Greater Recycling of Electronic Waste Globally - 7/11/12 -**

Two separate analyses of the electronic waste recycling industry said large portions of the waste stream are not recycled and warned of the potential environmental threats from not managing the waste properly.

[http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split\\_display.adp?fedfid=27286316&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0d3m1m5p3&split=0](http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split_display.adp?fedfid=27286316&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0d3m1m5p3&split=0)

**BNA - More Nutrient-Impaired Waters Can Be Restored Through Collaboration, Officials Say -**

7/11/12 - More lakes, rivers, and streams impaired by nutrient runoff from agriculture can be restored through collaboration between the Environmental Protection Agency and the Agriculture Department, officials said July 10.

[http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split\\_display.adp?fedfid=27286326&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0d3m2a3n7&split=0](http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split_display.adp?fedfid=27286326&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0d3m2a3n7&split=0)

**Inside EPA - Oil, Biofuel Groups Spar Over RFS - 7/10/12 -** Oil industry officials are urging House lawmakers to "open up" EPA's renewable fuel standard (RFS) and change what they say is the agency's unachievable cellulosic ethanol mandate, prompting push-back from biofuel industry officials who warn any changes to the RFS could undermine it.

<http://insideepa.com/201207102404121/EPA-Blog/The-Inside-Story/oil-biofuel-groups-spar-over-rfs/menu-id-97.html>

**Inside EPA - EPA Downplays MACT Liability - 7/10/12 -** A top EPA air official is downplaying utilities' concerns that they could face citizen suits for failing to comply with the agency's air toxics rule if they win an EPA order giving them up to five years to meet the standard, saying citizen groups' resource limits and other factors diminish that risk.

<http://insideepa.com/201207102404056/EPA-Blog/The-Inside-Story/epa-downplays-mact-liability/menu-id-97.html>

**Inside EPA - Industry Seeks Pipeline Suit Role - 7/10/12 -** Industry is seeking to intervene in environmentalists' lawsuit challenging the administration's use of streamlined Clean Water Act (CWA) permits for an Arkansas wastewater pipeline, hinting that delays to completion of the pipeline will complicate negotiations with EPA to resolve compliance issues over existing discharge permits.

<http://insideepa.com/201207102404057/EPA-Blog/The-Inside-Story/industry-seeks-pipeline-suit-role/menu-id-97.html>

**Inside EPA - Facing Blight, Ohio Officials Urge EPA To Soften Asbestos Demolition Rules - 7/10/12 -** Ohio lawmakers are calling on EPA to "reassess" its requirement that contractors and others survey homes slated for demolition for asbestos, saying it is impeding efforts to remove blighted houses from cities -- an issue that other states are also struggling to address in the wake of the recession and foreclosure crisis that left millions of homes vacant.

<http://insideepa.com/201207102404132/EPA-Daily-News/Daily-News/facing-blight-ohio-officials-urge-epa-to-soften-asbestos-demolition-rules/menu-id-95.html>

**Press Releases:**

Link to all R7 press releases: <http://go.usa.gov/Qx5>

**\$181,638 Grant to St. Louis Community College, St. Louis, Mo., for Drinking Water Job Training – 7/11/12 – Contact: Kris Lancaster, 7557**

**\$60,000 Grant to Kansas State University – 7/11/12 – Contact: Kris Lancaster, 7557**

### **Fact Sheets:**

Link to all R7 fact sheets: <http://www.epa.gov/region7/factsheets>

None

### **Upcoming Administrator/RA Events:**

\* New additions noted with an asterisk

**7/16-18/12** – Budget Forum, Washington D.C. Contact: Julia Cacho, 7071

**7/19/12** – Tribal Caucus/EPA Joint Session, Lawrence, Kan. Contact: Wolfgang Brander, 7381

**7/24-26/12** – Lead Task Force Meeting and Site Tour, Jefferson City, Mo. Contacts: Cecilia Tapia, 7733 and Julia Cacho, 7071

**7/27/12** – Environmental Conference at the Lake, Osage Beach, Mo. Contacts: Julia Cacho, 7071 and David Cozad, 7587

**7/27/12**- Lincoln University Water Boot Camp Certificate Ceremony, Jefferson City, Mo. Contacts: Kris Lancaster, 7557 and Monica Espinosa, 7541

**\*9/10/12** – Bayer CropScience Community Advisory Panel, Kansas City, Mo. Contact: Rich Hood, 7906

**11/19/12** – 2012 Kansas Association of Conservation Districts Annual Conference, Wichita, Kan. Contacts: Karen Flournoy, 7782 and Julia Cacho, 7071

### **RA/Immediate Office**

**7/13/12** - Agricultural Business Council of Kansas City Monthly Meeting, Kansas City, MO Contact: Josh Svaty, 7202

**7/16-17/12** - Attend Budget Forum, Washington, DC. Contact: Dana Peters, 7444

**7/18/12** - Attend NTOC, Washington, DC. Contacts: Dana Peters, 7444 and Wolfgang Brandner, 7381

**7/19/12** - Attend Spring EMC Meeting, Washington, DC Contact: Dana Peters, 7444

**8/13-17/12** - ORD Lead Region Transition Planning Meeting with Region 10, Corvallis, Ore. Contacts: Ron Hammerschmidt, 7566 and Dana Peters, 7444

**9/11- 12/12** - Attend Hypoxia Meeting, Des Moines, Iowa. Contact: Josh Svaty, 7202

**9/13/12** - Attend National Association of State Departments of Agriculture Meeting, Des Moines, Iowa. Contact: Josh Svaty, 7202

### **Other Events**

### **AWMD**



None

## **CNSL**

**7/10-12/12** - OGC/ORC Meeting, Washington, DC. Contact: Becky Dolph, 7281

## **ECO/EJ**

**8/9/12** - Oak Grove Neighborhood Association Mini-Series, Faith Lutheran Church, Kansas City, Kan. Contact: Tamara Freeman, 7094

**8/18/12** - Back to School Event at Brush Creek Community Center, Kansas City, Mo. Contact: Michael Minor, 7539

**9/13/12** - Oak Grove Neighborhood Association Mini-Series, Faith Lutheran Church, Kansas City, Kan. Contact: Tamara Freeman, 7094

**10/11/12** - Oak Grove Neighborhood Association Mini-Series, Faith Lutheran Church, Kansas City, Kan. Contact: Tamara Freeman, 7094

## **ENSV**

**7/22-30/12** - ORD/U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) sampling event, Omaha, Neb. Contact: Brenda Groskinsky, 7188

**7/31 - 8/2/12** – Meeting with the incoming Lead Region Coordinators and the National Program Directors, Washington, DC. Contact: Tony Petruska, 7637

## **PLMG**

**8/7-8/12** - Sustainable Communities Building Blocks workshop, Hays, Kan. Contact: David Doyle, 7667

## **RA/OPA**

**7/17/12** - Public Meeting, Southwest Jefferson County Mining Superfund Site Proposed Plan, Jefferson County, Mo. Contact: Debbie Kring, 7725

**7/19/12** - Public Availability Session for the Pools Prairie Superfund Site, Neosho, Mo. Contact: Ben Washburn, 7364

**7/26/12** – Public Availability Session for the Iowa-Nebraska Light & Power Site in Norfolk, Neb. Contact: Ben Washburn, 7364

## **SUPR**

**\*7/12-13/12** - Local Emergency Planning Committee Workshop and State Emergency Response Commission Meeting, York, Neb. Contact: Terri Blunk, 7013 and Jason Heitman, 7104

**7/18/12** - Project team meeting and USACE open house at the Former Nebraska Ordnance Site, Mead, Neb. Contact: Ken Rapplean, 7769

## **WWPD**

**7/15-20/12** - American Federation of Government Employees annual conference, Silver Springs, Md.

Contact: Morris Holmes, 7421

**7/18-20/12** - Kansas Corporation Commission Program Review, Wichita, Kan. Contacts: David Garrett, 7159 and Kurt Hildebrandt, 7413

**7/18-20/12** - 27th Annual Heartland Operators Conference presentation, Kearney, Neb. Contact: Robert Bryant, 7354

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